



Local Emergency Management Authorities

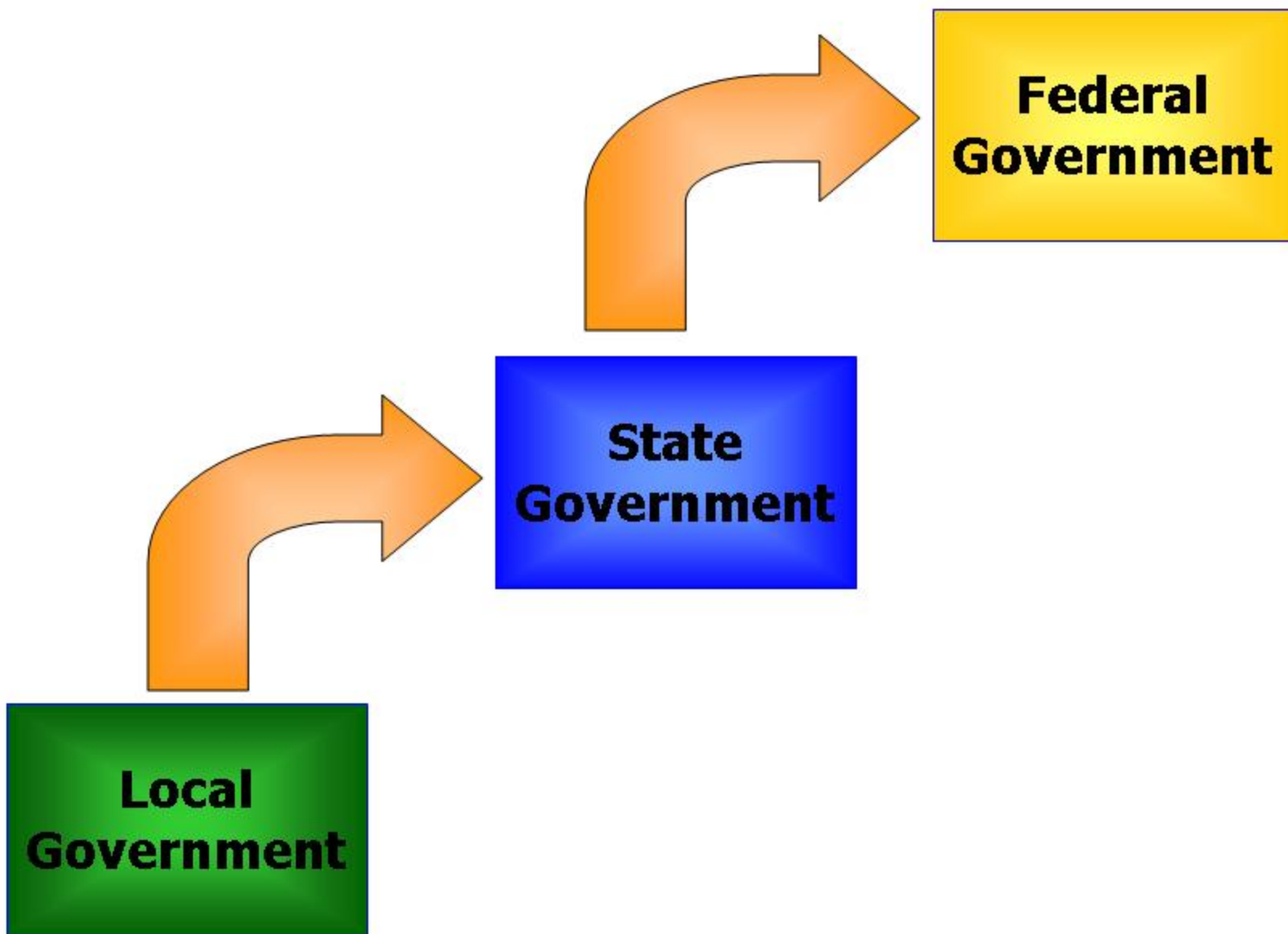
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Mission Statement

*Leading the effort to protect Virginia from the
impact of emergencies and disasters*



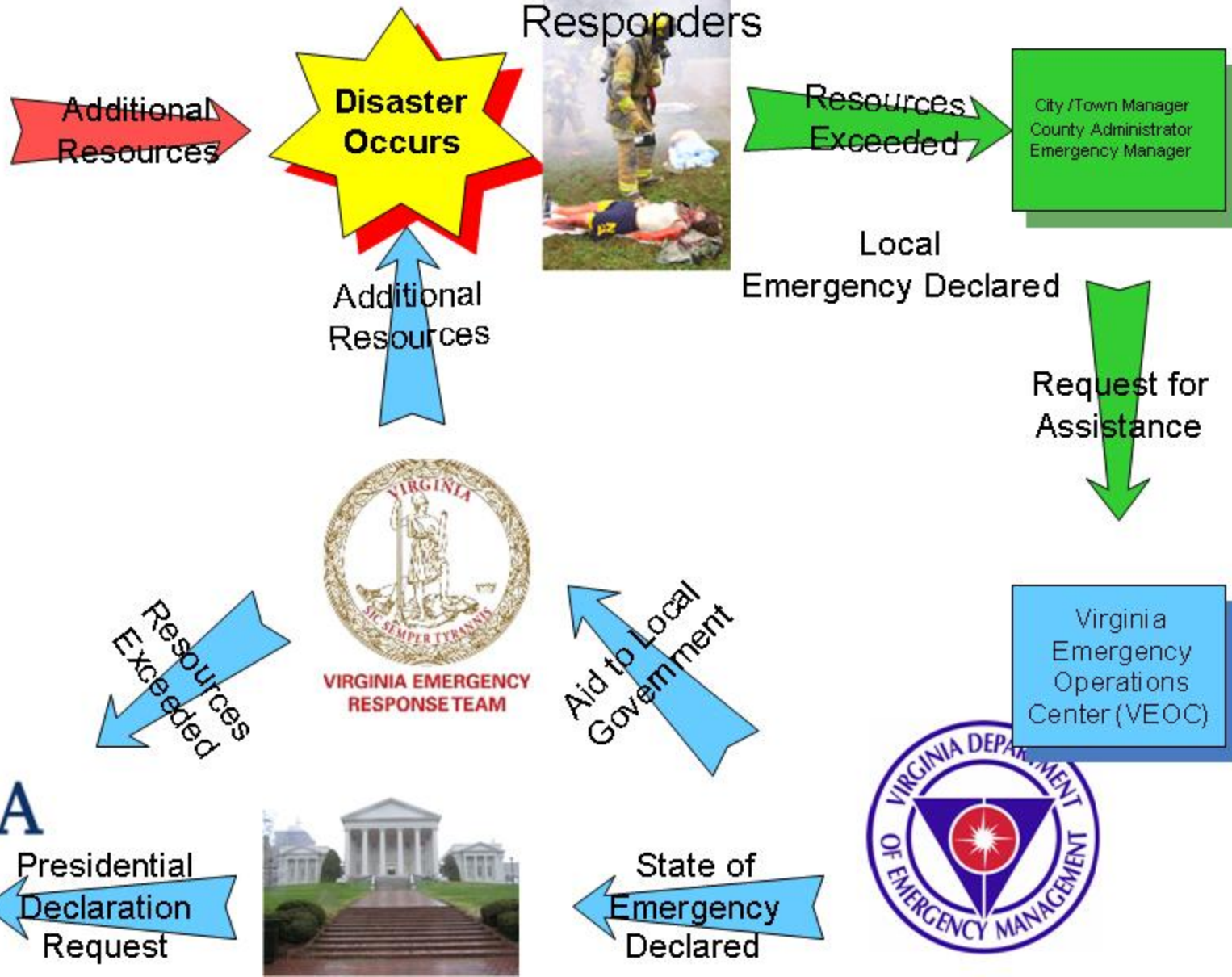
Emergency Management Structure





Disaster Response in Virginia

Local First
Responders



FEMA





Legal Authorities of Locality

44-146.19 State Code

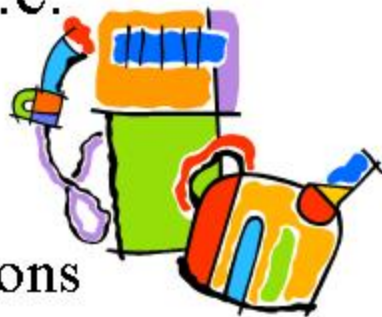
- Establishment of Emergency Management capability
 - Responsible for
 - Disaster Mitigation
 - Preparedness
 - Response
 - Recovery
- Appointment of EM Director and Coordinator



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- Respond to Governor's State of Emergency
(under consent or supervision of the Governor or his designee)
 - Enter into contracts and incur obligations to combat threat or actual disaster
 - Protect the health and safety of persons and property
 - Performance of Public Works
 - Purchase of materials, rental equipment
 - Moderate and control commodities, i.e.
 - Fuel
 - Goods and Services
 - Must **not** affect other political subdivisions





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- Develop Mutual Aid Agreements
 - Establish agreements for reciprocal assistance
 - Must be consistent with state plans
 - Render assistance in accordance with said arrangements
 - Mutual Aid can be for
 - Personnel
 - Equipment
 - Resources





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- Development of Emergency Operations Plan
 - Establish Chain of Command
 - List responsibilities of all local agencies
 - Formally adopted by governing board
 - Certified by State Coordinator (VDEM)
 - Maintained and Updated every 4 years
- Review of Special Facility Plans





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- Annual Assessment
 - Self-Assessment
 - Due July 1
- Alert and Warning Systems
 - All localities with populations >50K
 - Include in local EOP
 - Components such as:
 - Emergency Alert System
 - NOAA Weather Radios
 - Reverse 911





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44-146.21 State Code

- Declaration of Local Emergency
 - Consent of Governing Body
 - Activated local Emergency Operations Plan
 - Authorizes aid and assistance



Legal Authorities of Governor

44-146.13 – 44-146.40 CODE of VIRGINIA

- All Actions Necessary for Protection of the Public
- Declare State of Emergency *
- Control/Regulate Resources *
- Direct Mandatory Evacuation
- Commit State Resources
- Expend “Sum Sufficient” Monies
- Suspend Normal Procurement Procedures *
- Request Federal Assistance
- Pre-Delegation of Authority
- Implement Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Provide Financial Assistance to Impacted Jurisdictions
- Promulgate Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plans

* Similar Authority Vested in Local Directors of Emergency Management for Their Local Jurisdiction



Questions?